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LOK SABHA

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SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether European Union (EU) has specified certain conditions for import of Bones / Gelation;

(b) if so, their likely effect on India`s exports;

(c) whether the specifications require bones of `healthy` and disease free bovine animals;

(d) whether such slaughter of healthy bovines does not violate Supreme Court ruling in the matter of Mohd.Hanif Qureshi, subsequent Gujarat judgement and article 48 of Constitution of India;

(e) whether killing of young and healthy animals also violate IS : 1982 of 1971clause; and

(f) the measures being taken by the Government to stop slaughter of healthy productive animals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (c) :Yes Sir. Import of bones/gelatin into EU are regulated by the relevant European Commission regulations, which interalia provides for a certificate that the gelatin being exported is Specific Risk Material(SRM) free. It would have impact on the exports of animal casings and gelatin from India.

(d) to (f) : Slaughter of bovines in India can only be in accordance with the laws of the land. Slaughter of animals is a State subject and is regulated by State Acts which are to be enacted as per the Directive Principles of the State Policy.The selection of animals for slaughter is made in accordance with the existing laws/regulations made in this regard.